

Minutes.....February 5, 2001 10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 5, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent and left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(53) In the matter of Havre Pipeline Company, Docket No. D2000.9.147; On January 22, 2001, Havre Pipeline filed a Notice of Withdrawal of their Application. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the withdrawal. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(54) In the matter of T-01.3.ST; On December 26, 2000 The Estate of Benjamin R. Cohen dba North Valley Refuse, Whitefish, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 3325 to Montana Waste Systems dba North Valley Refuse, Great Falls, Montana. No protests have been received and staff recommends approval.

Class D - Garbage, waste and refuse (1) within Whitefish, Montana, and points and places within a seven (7) mile radius thereof; and (2) transportation between Whitefish, Montana and the Flathead County line via Highway 93, serving all intermediate points; and (3) transportation movements Nos. 1 and 2 above will terminate at the presently existing sanitary landfill dump nearest Whitefish, Montana.
Limitations: Transportation is prohibited within Columbia Falls, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Transportation is prohibited within Kalispell, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

SUB A Class C & D - Refuse, debris and rubbish from the cleaning out of railroad freight cars and damaged and discarded parts of railroad freight cars and engines but transportation limited to Burlington Northern, Inc., and the Western Fruit Express Company, between points and places in Flathead County, Montana.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(55) In the matter of T-00.47.PCN; On May 15, 2000 Ken Rockeman and Sam Spector, a partnership dba R & S Personalized Transportation, Big Timber, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties stipulated to the following grant of authority.

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Class B – Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Gallatin, Park, Stillwater and Sweet Grass County, Montana. Limitations: 1) All transportation movements must originate or terminate in Sweet Grass County, Montana. 2) Equipment shall be limited to those vehicles listed Paragraph 9 of R & S Transportation’s application or vehicles of similar capacity and utility (four-wheel drive pickups, station wagons or sedans). Transportation in limousine or luxury sedans is prohibited. 3) Transportation through any and all portions of Gallatin and Park Counties shall be ‘closed door’ (no pick-up or deliveries).

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the application. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(56) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 29, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Dave Hoffman
Susan Good, Dennis Crawford, Laura Calkin

(57) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget matters; Commissioner Brainard moved to prepare the budget increase request for the areas of travel, vacancy savings, salaries, pipeline safety and consultants. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....February 5, 2001 1:00 p.m.

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Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang

(58) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of personnel matters; Commissioner Brainard moved to support Kate Whitney's decision to keep Bonnie on through March 30, 2001 and pay her accrued excess leave at that time. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....February 6, 2001 9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner, present via telephone

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Jay Driscoll

(59) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the interconnection agreement applications of WWC Holding and Central Montana Communications, and WWC Holding and Triangle Telephone Cooperative, Dockets No. D2000.11.188 and D2000.11.189, respectively; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve these two interconnection agreements. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(60) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy Northwest's USB Program, Docket No. D99.5.130; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the intervention of Montana Power Company. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(61) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water's rate case, Docket No. D2000.7.112; Commissioner Rowe moved to allow out-of-state witnesses not to appear in person. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(62) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the PSC's investigation of the City of Helena's solid waste transportation, Docket No. D-99.27.OTH; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the stipulation. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Denise Peterson

(63) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters; Commissioner Brainard moved to support efforts to mitigate the affects of unpredictable electric supplies and prices on Montana ratepayers. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)